

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF
EDUCATORS, ET AL.**

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:25-cv-00417-HTW-LGI

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, ET AL.**

DEFENDANTS

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

COMES NOW Rex M. Shannon III of the Mississippi Attorney General's Office and hereby enters his appearance in the above-styled and numbered cause as counsel of record for the following defendants:

- Defendant Lynn Fitch, in her official capacity as Attorney General of Mississippi;
- Defendant Gee Ogeltree, in his official capacity as President of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning;
- Defendants Steven Cunningham, Amy Arrington, Donald Clark, Jr., Ormella Cummings, Jerry L. Griffith, Jimmy Heidelberg, Teresa Hubbard, Bruce Martin, Hal Parker, Gregg Rader, and Charlie Stephenson, all in their official capacities as Members of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning;
- Defendant John Pigott, in his official capacity as Chair of the Mississippi Community College Board;
- Defendants Cheryl Thurmond, Videt Carmichael, Donnie Caughman, Bubba Hudspeth, Dolly Marascalco, Johnny McRight, Luke Montgomery, Will Symmes,

and Dianne Watson, all in their official capacities as Members of the Mississippi Community College Board;

- Defendant Glen East, in his official capacity as Chair of the Mississippi State Board of Education;
- Defendants Matt Miller, Lance Evans, Wendi Barrett, Matt Mayo, Bill Jacobs, Ronnie McGehee, Mike Pruitt, Billye Jean Stroud, and Mary Werner, all in their official capacities as Members of the Mississippi State Board of Education;
- Defendant Marcy Scoggins, in her official capacity as Chair of the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board; and
- Defendants Jay Carney, Sandra McKiernon, Erin Meyer, Ben Morgan, Candace Robins, and Jennifer Jackson Whittier, all in their official capacities as Members of the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board.

THIS the 27th day of June, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

LYNN FITCH, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY
AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MISSISSIPPI;
GEE OGELTREE, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY
AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER LEARNING; STEVEN CUNNINGHAM,
AMY ARRINGTON, DONALD CLARK, JR.,
ORMELLA CUMMINGS, JERRY L. GRIFFITH,
JIMMY HEIDELBERG, TERESA HUBBARD,
BRUCE MARTIN, HAL PARKER, GREGG
RADER, AND CHARLIE STEPHENSON, ALL
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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
LEARNING; JOHN PIGOTT, IN HIS OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS CHAIR OF THE MISSISSIPPI
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD; CHERYL
THURMOND, VIDET CARMICHAEL, DONNIE

CAUGHMAN, BUBBA HUDSPETH, DOLLY MARASCALCO, JOHNNY MCRIGHT, LUKE MONTGOMERY, WILL SYMMES, AND DIANNE WATSON, ALL IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD; GLEN EAST, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CHAIR OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; MATT MILLER, LANCE EVANS, WENDI BARRETT, MATT MAYO, BILL JACOBS, RONNIE MCGEHEE, MIKE PRUITT, BILLYE JEAN STROUD, AND MARY WERNER, ALL IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; MARCY SCOGGINS, IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CHAIR OF THE MISSISSIPPI CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER BOARD; AND JAY CARNEY, SANDRA MCKIERNON, ERIN MEYER, BEN MORGAN, CANDACE ROBINS, AND JENNIFER JACKSON WHITTIER, ALL IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES AS MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER BOARD, DEFENDANTS

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Rex M. Shannon III, Special Assistant Attorney General and attorney for the above-named defendants, do hereby certify that I have this date caused to be filed with the Clerk of the Court a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing via the Court's ECF filing system, which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

THIS the 27th day of June, 2025.

s/Rex M. Shannon III
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